CURRENT COMMENT. Hog cholera in its most malignant form has broken out near West Liberty, W. Va.

SCHUYLER DURYEE, of Virginia, has been appointed chief clerk of the Patent Office, vice Lipscomb, resigned.

BILLY BIRCH, the once famous minstrel, died at his home at Melrose, Westchester County, N. Y., recently.

AT the closing of the Exposition at Melbourne, Australia, recently the United States flag was greeted with a regular ovation.

Evictions have been resumed on the Des Moines river lands in Iowa. The dispossessed farmers were reported organizing to repossess the lands and would defy the officers.

On the return of the Postmaster-General from the Cabinet meeting on the 2d it was announced that he had removed Postal Agent Dimmick at New York for leaving his work to attend to political duties at Port Jarvis.

A PARCELS post convention between the United States and the Leeward islands has been signed by Postmaster-General Wanamaker and Mr. Edwards, British Charge d'Affaires in Washington, on behalf of the Government of Great Britain.

THE reported earnings of the Baltimore & Ohio road for the month of March, 1889, show an increase of \$100,-000 over the corresponding month last year. Receipts at the Philadelphia office for the same period show an increase of \$13,000.

THIEVES broke into the old State House at New Haven, Conn., the other night and carried away the sword of Admiral Jouett, held by the Historical Society as a relic. It was a presentation sword, studded with jewels and precious stones and valued at \$6,000.

REV. EDWARD K. BEECHER, brother jured that one of his legs had to be in several districts. amputated. Owing to his advanced from the shock.

THE French vintage of 1888 amounted to 797,707,000 gallons, an increase of 19,187,400 gallons over the yield of 1887, although being 35,000 gallons less than the average yield of the last ten years. Much of the good result of the last vintage is due to American vines.

THE Mexican Congress opened on the 2d. The President in his message said that Mexico's relations with the United States were excellent. He ex- 3,000. pressed gratification because the United States Government had fully comprehented the fraudulent nature of the Abra Weil claims.

A SENSATION was made at the meeting of the board of managers at the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus the other morning when Prison Physician Clemmer filed a report charging Deputy Warden Cherrington with outrageously punishing an insane prisoner named George Bates in the ducking tub. A legislative investigation will probably result.

GENERAL BOULANGER has issued a fresh manifesto of defiance from Brussels. In replying to the action of the Chamber of Deputies sanctioning his prosecution, he repudiates the charges made against him. In interviews he says he will not disclose the secrets of his faction, and says that an election will decide the question between him and the French Government.

JAMES W. ROMEYN, Consul at Valparaiso, in reporting to the Department of State upon the trade and commerce of Chili, comments on the fact that while the imports into Chili in 1887 amounted to \$48,630,000 but \$3,-200,000 came from the United States. and that while 15,000 vessels entered and cleared at Chilian ports the American flag waved over only 221 of them.

PRINCE BISMARCK, in reply to the birthday congratulations offered him by the Central Manufacturers' Association, said that he looked forward to a continued maintenance of peace. This, he believed, would lend increasing impetus to the present gratifying development of German industry. In his opinion a guarantee of peace was to be tutions of the country, but also, and in a special degree, in the monarchial sentiments of the German people.

Among the incorporation licenses iswas one to a company with a capital of \$65,000,000, and carrying the following "brief" name: "The United States Vogel Kazophone and Electrical Microphone Trumpet Acoustic Electrometer Power Musical Car Distance Loud Speaking Transfer Instrument Company," Chicago, to manufacture liabilities amount to 6,000,000 marks. The liam Vogel, Adolph Gray and R. H. New York. Dakin.

JOHN C. KLEIN, the newspaper correspondent at Samoa, was before the State Department recently and ex- was a thorough one. plained his connection with the events leading up to the battle of Fagall, fought December 18, when the twentythree German sailors were killed. His testimony completely refuted the Mataafa to do so. The affidavits of property. Mr. Klein and three of Mataafa's sol- Matthews, made on the day of his last diers who were with him at the battle of Fagall, made before the United | wife and children. States Vice-Consul Blacklock at Apia. will be taken to Berlin by the Com-

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

THE SENATE-EXECUTIVE SESSION. In the Senate on April 1 Mr. Teller of fered a resolution that hereafter all nomination be considered in open session, and made a short speech giving his reasons for so doing. The resolution was referred. Several committees were authorized to sit during recess. The Senate confirmed Louis Wolfley, Governor of Arizona; E. H. Terrill, Minister to Belgium; J. L. Abbott, Minister to Colombia, and a number of other nominations. The President sent in the ollowing among other nominations: William F. Wharton, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of State: James N. Huston, of Indiana. Treasurer of the United States: George H. Shields, of Missouri, Assistant Attorney-General: L. Bradford Prince, to be Governor of New Mexico; James T. Kelley, to be receive

of the land-office at Bioomington, Neb. Two memorials were presented to the Senate on the 2d, one in favor of special privileges in regard to public office for honorably discharged Union soldiers and the other against traffic in intoxicating liquors. Senator Stewart's resolution in regard to the death of John Bright was hald before the Senate, which after quite a debate was referred. The Vice-President announced that he would vacate the chair during the remainder of the session and Senator Ingalls was chosen President pro tem. In exec utive session the Senate confirmed all pending nations and adjourned sine die.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. GENERAL BOULANGER suddenly disappeared from Paris on the 2d. His enemies asserted that he had fled to avoid

MUNICIPAL elections occurred extensively on the 2d, resulting variously. De mocrat: carried Chicago and St. Louis. Republicans carried Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan. At Leavenworth D. R. Anthony, the Republican-Prohibition candidate, was defeated. Fort Scott went Democratic and Cottonwood Falls, Kan., elected an entire female government. At Wichita it was thought Harris, the Liberal candidate, was elected. Republicans elected their ticket in St. Joseph, Ma. At Sedalia the honors were about even. At Springfield, Iil., the Democrats elected their entire ticket. The election in Arkansas for Supreme Court Judges was carried by the Democrats with the usual

majorities. GENERAL BOULANGER, after fleeing from Paris, issued a manifesto from Brussels. in which he said that he would not face a trial before the French Senate, but was ready to plead before a judge and jury. LATER returns showed the election of

R. L. Cofran, Democrat, for mayor of Topeka, instead of Metsker, Republican, as first reported, by 204 majority. A Democratic councilman was also elected.

It is reported that King John of Abys sinia has been defeated and slain in battle. THE election in Rhode Island on the 3d was very close. Democrats at first claimed the Governorship for their candidate, of the late Henry Ward Beecher, who Davis, but later figures showed he lacked was run over by a train recently at 600 of a majority. The Legislature was Brooklyn, N. Y., was so seriously in- undecided as "no election" was reported

EDWIN BOOTH, the actor, received a stroke of paralysis while performing at age it was feared he could not recover the Lyceum Theater, Rochester, N. Y., on the 31. WANAMAKER has bought ex-Secretary

Whitney's late residence in Washington. GENERAL JACOB SHARP has resigned as governor of the Soldiers' Home at Milwaukee, Wis., and General Kilburn Knox has been elected his successor. Ill health was the cause.

THE temperance cause in Canada received a severe blow on the 4th. Twelve counties and two cities in Ontario and Nova Scotia voted on the question whether the Scott Prohibition law should continue in force or not. Every county and town that voted declared that the act should be withdrawn by majorities of from 200 to

News has been received of H. M. Stanley and Emin Pasha up to last February. They were then on their way to Zanzibar, accompanied by many hundreds of men, vomen and children. THE complete vote of Rhode Island for

Governor gives Ladd 16,952, Davis 21,350, Richardson 1,511, Chace 3,435. Davis lacks 548 of an election but has a plurality of 4.398. The Senate stands Republicans 21, Democrats 11, with four to be elected, while the House stands Republicans 23. Democrats 37, twelve yet to be elected.

ROBERT T. LINCOLN called upon the President and Secretary Blaine on the 4th. and formally accepted the English mission. He will sail for England about May

THE death of King John of Abyssinia has been confirmed. PHILO REMINGTON died at Silver Springs, Fla., on the 5th. His death was due to bilious fever. He was the eldest son of E. Remington, the founder of the great armory works at Ilion, N. Y.

THE President has appointed Joel B. Erhardt to be collector of customs and Cornelius Van Cott to be postmaster at New York.

MAGGIE MITCHELL, the actress, has obtained a divorce from her husband, Henry T. Paddock. The main charge was

THE funeral of ex-Sub-Treasurer of the United States, Alexander McCue, of New York, took place in Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 5th, from St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. Secretary of the Navy Tracy was one of the pallbearers. Major Armes, who pulled Governor

Beaver's nose recently at Washington, it is thought, will be court-martialed. THE President has issued a proclams tion for a National holiday on April 30. the centenary of Washington's inaugura-

MISCELLANEOUS.

A SEVERE wind storm was reported from Jackson and other places in Minnesota, on the 2d. The wind blew up the prairie fires, and much destruction resulted, one life at least being lost.

THE recent burricane in the South Pacific ocean swept over 1,200 geographical found not only in the monarchial insti- miles. The American ship Red Cross, from New South Wales for San Francisco, was driven ashore at Raratongo and wrecked. The crew was saved. The American ship Ada Owen was wrecked at Oura. The crew was saved. Wreckage from the British ship Suakim from New sued at Springfield, Ill., the other day | South Wales for San Francisco was seen at Aitutaki.

> In a fight a few days since, near Flagstaff, Ariz, between a sheriff's posse and robber, who held up the Atlantic & Pacific express about two weeks ago, Edward St. Clair and R. S. Wilcox, deputy sheriffs, were killed. EMIL TREITEL oue of the largest grain

instruments, rent rights and priv- failure affects the corn exchanges of ileges. The incorporators were Wil- Vienna, Pesth, Amsterdam, Paris and

A SENSATION was created in railroad circles by the removal of all passenger conductors on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh divisions of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railroad. The sweep THE Golden Eagle dry goods store

caught fire at Denver, Col., the other night, partly destroying the stock through water. THERE was a report at New York recently that the Barings, of London, would financially back the Santa Fe to prevent charges made against him by the Ger- its failing into the hands of Jay Gould. mans of having fired upon their sailors The London interests were suspicious of and ordered the soldiers of King the outcome if Gould get control of the

THE South Pacific storm which caused

By a flerce wind storm at Chipley, La., the other evening, the Methodist Church and other buildings were destroyed and

much other damage done. FIRE destroyed the five-story brick building, 38 to 44 Canal street, Chicago, recently. Loss about \$150,000, fairly in-

A TORNADO struck the southeastern part

of Bridgeton, N. J., on the evening of LATER reports of the destructive prairie

fires in Dakota show that several lives were lost. The farm property destroyed was immense. A wind storm accelerated the flames which proved so destructive. Swift's packing house, Chicago, took fire on the morning of the 5th, resulting in a loss of \$100,000.

REV. CHARLES SIDNEY HURD, lately of the Palmerston Unitarian Chapel, Boston, committed suicide in London, England, on the 4th. He left America March 15 last and in a letter mentioned his difficulties as the reason for taking his life.

A collision between freight trains occurred recently at Brown's Cross Roads, Tenn., on the Nashville & Decatur railroad. Both engines and sixteen cars were totally wrecked and Ernest C. Green and M. L. Eby, brakemen, were killed and Albert Finch, fireman, was severely hurt. A BAILIFF was shot dead at Coleraine,

County Londonderry, Ireland, recently. The murdered man had charge of a farm from which the tenant had been evicted. Over fifty employes of the Government printing office at Washington have been laid off because of the adjournment of Congress. ONE hundred and forty Alsatians have

been fined 600 marks each for failing to re-

port for service in the German army. Ex-GOVERNOR CROSBY, of Montana, recently threatened to sue Russell B. Harrison, son of the President and in 1887 president of the Montana Live Stock Journal Company, for libel. Harrison promised to retract the charges.

Two freight trains collided the other morning near Reno Nev. Harry Wilson, brakeman, an I J. H. Mysegarder, a farmer, were killed and fourteen cars were wrecked.

Forest fires have been raging around Courtenay, Dak. One hundred families were deprived of absolutely every thing. The losses reached fully \$150,000. MRS. MARY P. TERRY, of Jefferson, Tex., has begun suit at Gainesville, Tex., to re-

cover \$100,000 worth of property at that place sold by her husband without her authority thirty years ago. THE British man-of-war Calliope has arrived at Sydney, N. S. W., all safe from Samoa. She reports the floating of the Nipsic, which was not greatly damaged.

THE town of Leola was almost entirely

destroyed by the recent prairie fires in BERNARD BLUME and others are under arrest at Brooklyn, N. Y., charged with starting incendiary fires in various places. Their plan was to rent a building and, after insuring the supposed goods, set it on

THE posse engaged in the evictions on the Des Moines river lands in Iowa were fired on by concealed parties with Winchesters as a warning. No one was hurt. It is thought that troops will be needed to suppress the settlers threatening diss on the Des Moines river lands. ALLARD & Sons, fine art importers of

New York and Paris, are accused of ex- creek. tensive smuggling operations. A discharged employe of the firm divulged the crime and the New York manager was placed under arrest and evidences of smuggling discovered. ISAAC RICH & Co., extensive fish deal-

ers of Boston, have failed. Liabilities, \$200,000; nominal assets, \$225,000. A NEPHEW of ex-President Guzman Blanco, of Venezuela, has been arrested while trying to escape to the United

States on a charge of forgeries, by which he secured \$23,000. SENATOR PLUMB and Representative Peters called on the President on the 5th in behalf of two Kansas men, named Miller and Woods, convicted of having committed murder in the Indian Territory

and sentenced to be hanged. A STORM which demolished many houses and started several fires raged throughout Southern Hungary on the 5th.

THE River Nile was reported rapidly falling and the outlook for Egypt was It is positively denied at Albuquerque, N. M., that there is any truth in the report

of a deadly fight between officers and train robbers in Arizona. The officers never even struck the trail of the outlaws. THE cruiser Atlanta, now at Aspinwall, has been ordered by telegraph to New York. It is the intention to send the Yorktown to New York April 20, so that

the latest efforts at naval construction may be seen at the centennial celebration. Business failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended April 5 numbered 222, compared with 240 the previous week and 227 the corresponding week of last year.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES

A MEETING of the Washington bar was held on the 6th to pass resolutions commemorative of the death of Associate Justice Stanley Matthews.

SECRETARY WINDOM has ordered the dismissal of Captain Herbert Beecher, son of the late Henry Ward Beecher. In 1885 Cleveland appointed him collector of customs at Port Townsend, W. T., but the Senate failed to confirm him. Secretary Manning then appointed him special agent at the same place. It was learned that he was implicated in the Gardner opium smuggling case.

THE doors of the First National Bank of Anoka, Minn., have been closed, P. F. Pratt, the cashier, having fled to Canada. His defalcations were put at \$100,000.

THE anti-polygamous Mormons met in conference at St. Joseph, Mo., on the 6 h. A DISPATCH from Bramwell, W. Va., gives the details of the killing of Bill Moran, the terror of the Flat Top coal region. The outlaw succeeded in fatally wounding a detective named Wallace and seriously wounding two others before he was killed.

Ar the Mormon conference in Salt Lake on the 7th the first presidency was organized, with Wilford Woodruff as president of the church and George Q. Cannon and Joseph T. Smith as counsellors. Lorenzo Snow becomes president of the twelve apostles.

CLEARING house returns for the week ended April 6 showed an average increase of 5.8 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the increase was 3.8.

Four of the members of a Knights of Labor Assembly have been accused by the confession of a walking delegate named Fitzgerald of using dynamite on Stevenson's brewery building, Tenth avenue, New York, on the night of February 8

THE Dowager Duchess of Cambridge, aunt of Queen Victoria, died recently. was born July 25, 1797. A SEVERE snow storm and blizzard pre-

vailed in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey and other Atlantic States on the 6th. By an explosion of gas in Halliday's

coal mine near Duquoin, Ill., the other evening, several men and boys were severely injured-two probably fatally. Money was reported plentiful on the London Stock Exchange during the week ended April 6. All manner of syndicate schemes were being floated. The Paris Bourse were reported firm and active, which was also characteristic of the German bourses.

WON KWANG PET, formerly of the Chinese embassy at Washington and now of Shanghai, advocates the expulsion of every American in the service of China as a reprisal for the exclusion of Chinamen from America. In a memorial on the At Tonga great havor was created many subject he refers with contempt to the persons were drowned by islands being American navy, which he declares would be powerless in an aggressive movement.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

THE other day Cornelius McGuire and Morris Keating, young men of Topeka, went out hunting, taking along a supply of the fluid that stimulates. They fell in with a party who were playing ball, and who also had a keg of beer. Keating and McGuire took several glasses of beer and during their hilarity Keating's gun was discharged and the contents lodged in McGuire's neck causing almost instant death. The coroner's jury held the shooting to be accidental, but he was subsequently arrested upon complaint of the

county attorney. GENERAL H. K. McConnell, a prominent lawyer of Osage City, committed suicide in his room at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in Topeka the other morning by shooting himself in the head. Several months since McConnell was shot and severely wounded by a contractor at Osage City, who came suddenly upon him in a compromising situation at his (the contractor's) house. He had fully recovered, however, and gone to Topeka on legal business. Since the Osage City affair, it is said, Mrs. McConnell has been prostrated, and the suicide is attributed to this cause. The deceased was a Brigadier General in the army of the Potomac. THE spring elections on the 2d resulted n the defeat of Colonel D. R. Anthony for mayor of Leavenworth and the election of Judge Hacker, Democrat and citizens candidate by a large majority. The woman vote was large. Kansas City (Kan.) elected W. A Coy mayor, together with the entire Republican ticket. The Democratic ticket was successful at Fort Scott. Bailey P. Waggoner, Democrat, was elected mayor of Atchison. The Independent Republican ticket was successful at Emporia. Metzker, Bepublican, was re-elected mayor of Topeka by a majority estimated at 250 and the Republicans were successful at Wellington. The ladies lost the day at Independence by only thirtytwo votes.

RECENT reports to the State Board of Agriculture from about 500 correspondents, representing 100 counties of the State, show that wheat, rye, live-stock of all kinds, fruit and grasses in nearly every county in the State are in unusually good condition. In some sections of Western Kansas wheat made a small growth in the fall by reason of dry weather, but the late rains brought it out. The increase in area sown to wheat in the State in the fall of 1888 as compared with that sown the previous year is 24 per cent. which gives a total area for the State of 1,366,427 acres or an excess of 257,484 acres over that of the previous year, all of which is in first-class condition. Chinch bugs are reported in a few counties in the State, but not in sufficient numbers to excite alarm among farmers. On the whole the condition of the State is excellent and farmers are greatly encouraged and honeful.

Hon. Thomas Ryan, recently appointed Minister to Mexico, has resigned as member of Congress and the Governor has telegraphed his acceptance of the resigna-

DAVID TAYLOR, colored, was drowned mud while attempting to wade across the

At the recent municipal election at Rossville a ladies' ticket was put in the field, presumably as a joke, but the ladies took hold of it in earnest and triumphantly elected their whole ticket by 35 majority. The officers elected were as follows: Mayor, Mrs. H. H. Miller; police judge, Mrs. R. Burns; council, Mrs. W. M. Mitchner, Mrs. Joseph Cameron, Mrs. C. Mc-Pherson, Mrs. W. C. Sherman.

THE canvas of the vote at the election in Topeka showed Cofran, Democrat, to be elected by about 200 majority over Metzker, Republican, who was at first reported as being successful. It is stated that three thousand acres of castor beans will be planted in Clark

County this season. SARAH KELLY, an insane woman of Reno County, while recently en route to the Topeka asylum in charge of the sheriff, jumped through a window of the car and was fatally injured.

THE Railroad Commissioners recently rendered a decision upon the complaint of cessive rates on coal shipped westward, making a general reduction to all points. PATENTS lately issued to Kansas inentors: Sash fastener, Albert N. Bender, Manhattan; egg count register, Alvin F. Harrison, Greeley; reversible eccentric,

William H. Lockwood, Freeport. THE State University faculty committee on preparatory high schools has sent the principals of the high schools in the State a circular containing the requirements for the circular five terms of work will be dropped next year, and the entire preparatory department the year after.

A GENERAL order has been issued an-Pacific Railway Company assumes the operation of the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska railway in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and the Indian Territory as a part of its own line. Heretofore the latter, while virtually a part of the Rock Island system, was under separate management. A PETITION for a writ of mandamus was filed in the Supreme Court at Topeka the other day by the Chicago, Kansas & Western Railroad Company to compel the county commissioners of Chase County to sign, attest and issue \$80,000 bonds voted by the people for ail in building the line. The alternative writ was issued.

THE Governor has issued his proclamaon ordering a special election to be held in the Fourth Congressional district on Tuesday, May 21, to choose a member of His death adds another name to the long Congress to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Thomas Ryan.

enworth showed for the week ended April that day he never fully recovered. His 5, 2,345 members, of which 1,753 were pres- death was caused by congestion of the ent, 3) temporarily at post and 562 absent lungs. with leave.

THE annual meeting of the Social Scince Club will be held a Leavenworth May GUTTLEIB KKEIPFOR, an old citizen, was

struck by the shaft of a buggy that was being driven rapidly through the streets of Kansas City, Kan., the other day, and perhaps fatally injured. FORT SCOTT claimed the pennant for the

largest registration of women voters of any town in the State, the number being months' residence in London, where he 3 per cent. of the entire registration. An Atchison man over sixty years of men, has some interesting gossip contwenty years ol l.

W. H. SOUTHARD, principal of the Mankato high school, recently suicided by shooting himself in the head. The cause

for Congressman Ryan's place. THE women of Wellsville put up an Anti-Pool Hall ticket at the late election, and worked hard for it, but their candidate was defeated by 20 votes. THE Board of Railroad Commissioners

recently rendered a decision in the case brought before them by the Wichita Board of Trade. The Commissioners grants the souri river jobbers and makes Wichita a terminal point with jobbing rates into and out of that city for a distance of seventyvise their tariffs accordingly.

SAVANNAH BLAZE.

Million Dollar Fire at Savannah, Ga.

A Passenger Train Passes Through a Prairie Fire-Great Fire in Pittsburgh-Conflagration in India-Other Fires.

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 8 - Fire broke om at seven o'clock Saturday night in the show window of D. H. Hogan's dry goods store while a man was lighting a gas jet. A moment later the fire had run to almost every part of the building and those in it had barely time to escape with their lives. Fire was communicated to the crockery store of James H. Douglass & Co., immediately back of Hogan's, and soon it was all ablaze. The high wind prevailing contributed to the spread of the flames, and there was no possibility of checking them. The building was one of the finest blocks in the city, and its destruction represented a loss, with the contents, of \$150,000. The fire then jumped to the magnificent four story building known as Odd Fellows' Hall. It was totally destroyed. The fire next spread through twelve or fitten brick dwellinghouses, completely destroying them. The air was filled with sparks, one of which lodged on the steeple of Independent Presbyterian Church, four or five blocks away. totally destroying it and also its handsome brick Sunday-school building and four or five contiguous dwellings. total loss amounted to \$1,00 ,00.

The number of the buildings burned is estimated at fifty. The present prospect is that the larger and finer ones will be replaced by new ones equally as good as those destroyed. The sites of many of the inferior structures now gone will be covered with buildings that will be a great improvement over the old ones. The loss of the Independent Presbyterian Church and chapel, the Guards' Armory, the Odd Fellows' Building, Hainley Building and Hogan & Douglas block, however, are greatly to be regretted. No loss of life or serious injury to per-

son occurred. A TERBIBLE EXPERIENCE. CHAMBERLAIN, Dak., April 8 .- The people on the passenger train from the East, on the St. Paul road Saturday, had an exciting experience near Mount Vernon. A prairie fire was raging around the track, and the engineer not knowing its extent, ran into it, expecting to run through to safety in a few moments. He found the fire getting worse however, and finally stopped, but could not run back, as the flames behind had made the track unsafe. The passengers and train hands got out and fought the fire, but the danger kept increasing. Finally the engineer was ordered to proceed, as to remain still would have been fatal. It was feared that the rails were warped, and the passengers expected a terrible accident, but after what seemed a long period of suspense, the the other morning while fishing in Mud train emerged from the smoke and flames creek, three miles east of Lawrence. He in safety. Several of the passengers, who was eighty-five years old and stuck in the had engaged in fighting the flames, were painfully burned. The women passengers were terribly agitated by their alarming experience.

AGED WOMAN BURNED. STEUBENVILLE, O., April 8.-Bridget, widow of the late William Kelly, aged about eighty years, feeble and childish, lived in a small house between here and Alikanna. Last evening her granddaughter left her alone to come into town. Soon afterward Patsy Powers, a boy, saw smoke issuing from the windows and gave the alarm, when parties found the old woman lying on the floor with her feet close to the fire place and her body burned to a crisp. Her body and hair were burned off. She lived for an hour in terrible suffering. Her married daughter, a Mrs. Yocum, was burned to death in the same house a few years ago.

FIRE IN MISSISSIPPL ABERDEEN, Miss., April 8 .- Fire yesterday morning destroyed eight houses on Meridian street with a total loss of about \$30,000. The buildings were frame structures, fire proof, so called by reason of sheet iron fronts and roofs, and were the Leavenworth Coal Company, as to ex. | cheap concerns. They were occupied by Drake & Chidister, store and restaurant; C. L. Drake, meat market A. Fieldman. dry goods and general merchandise; Louis Piltaski, saloon and restaurant; Sanders & Bros., groceries, and M. Thehude, meat market. The total insurance on the stock

and buildings, about \$15,000. EXTENSIVE FIRE IN PITTSBURGH. PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 8.-The extensive axe, shovel and saw factories of Hubbard & co., were totally destroyed by fire yesterentering the University. According to day. There were four buildings, all frame, and they burned rapidly. The loss on buildings, machinery and stock will be fully \$500,000, almost covered by insurance. There was an immense quantity of goods nouncing that the Chicago, Rock Island & on hand, which had been piled up during the winter because of lack of orders. The firm gave employment to about 400 men. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

RESIDENCES BURNED. SCRANTON, Pa., April &-The business block and residence of Thomas Loftus and the residences of Dr. Travis and Henry McIntosh at Olyphant were burned last night Loss, \$75,000; insurance light. GREAT FIRE IN INDIA.

says that hundreds of houses have been destroyed by fire at Surat. The loss is placed at £2:0,000. Another Inauguration Victim. WASHINGTON, April 7 .- James I. Christie, acting assistant doorkeeper of the

Senate, died at 6:45 yesterday morning. list of victims of inauguration weather. His friends say that from the cold con-THE rolls of the soldiers' home at Leav- tracted during the open air ceremonies of Appointed By the President.

WASHINGTON, April 7 .- The President made the following appointments yesterday: Evan S. Rand, of Maine, to be appraiser of merchandise in the district of Portland and Falmouth, Me. George C. Sturgis, of West Virginia, to be attorney of the United States for the district of West Virginia. -A gentleman just returned from a six

spent much of his time among the literary age was recently divorced from his wife, cerning one or two of the novelists which will bear repeating. Of David Christie Murray he said: "Murray is one of the interesting men in London. He has had the hardest of work to attain his present was temporary insanity brought on by ill position. From boyhood he has made his way unaided and like many other writers of fiction he came up from newspaper work and his early journalistic training has been of inestimable value to him. After working for a long time on the Brmingham News he resolved to see London and arrived in the city with but little to keep body and soul together. While casting about for some road to fortune he wrote an article on "Impecunious London," which was printed in one of the weeklies and served demand for the same rates given to Mis- to open a new field of work to him. The paper, it need hardly be said, was founded upon his own experience, and its success encouraged him later to set out on an exfive miles north, south, east and west. The | tended tour of an amateur tramp. To put railroads are directed by the Board to re- it out of his power to enjoy creature comforts he mailed a bank note to the care of The people of Cottonwood Falls gallantly turned the city government over to the ladies at the recent municipal election.

Mrs. Morgan was elected mayor and five ladies chosen to the Council.

Hacken's majority over Anthony for mayor of Leavenworth was 712. KANSAS CROPS.

The State Board of Agriculture Issues & Flattering Report.

Topeka, Kan., April 5.—The State Board of Agriculture reports now in from about 500 correspondent, representing 100 counties of the State, show that wheat, rye, live stock of all kinds, fruit and grasses in nearly every county in the State are in unusually good condition. In some sections of Western Kansas wheat made a small growth in the fall by reason of dry weather and the drought being continued into early winter there was much anxiety among farmers with respect to its condition. The winter, however, being extremely mild and later on moisture coming in the form of snow and in March abundant of rain falling, the wheat was brought out in splendid shape. Probably the plant has never shown a more vigorous and thrifty growth throughout the State at this date

than at present. The winter being extremely mild and feed abundant stock generally wintered

The increase in area sown to wheat in the State in the fall of 1888 as compared with that sown the previous year is 24 per cent, which gives a total area for the State of 1,336,427 acres on an excess of 257,484 acres over that of the previous year. The per cent. reported winter killed amounts practically to nothing. The general condition of the plant as compared with full stand and unimpaired vitality is practically 100 per cent.

The area sown to rye in the fall of 1888 varies but little from that sown the previous year and the condition of the plant s 10) per cent. compared with the average condition. Live-stock, with the exception of a few case; of distemper among horses and

cholera in a mild form among hogs, is generally free from disease and in good condition.

The season is reported throughout the State as at least two weeks earlier than usual and the ground amply supplied with moisture and generally in an excellent condition for crops. Chinch bugs are reported in a few counties in the State, but not in sufficient numbers to excite alarm among farmers. On the whole the condition of the State is excellent and farmers are greatly encouraged and hopeful.

A NAVAL MONSTER.

Description of a New Coast Defense Vessel to be Built by Uncle Sam. WASHINGTON, April 5.- The new coast defense vessel, bids for which were received yesterday, will be a departure in design from any vessel in the navy, and Captain Tichlorn, who is acting as chief of the bureau of construction, is confident that she will be the most formidable vessel for her displacement of any in the world and able to cope with any thing afloat. She approximates the monitor type and is of 5,000 tons displacement in cruising trim. When she goes into action by taking on monitor ballast she sinks until her deck is but sixteen inches above the water level, thus diminishing the size of the target exposed to an opponent. The sides covering the machinery are to be covered with sixteen inches of armour, besides the protection afforded by the coal bunkers. The barrels containing the guns are to be of sixteen inch steel and the deck will be of steel two inches thick. She will be 216 feet long, 45 feet beam, 14% feet deep and has a speed of 16 knots. At this speed she can steam 632 miles, but at ordinary cruising speed (about 9 knots) she would travel 2.727 miles without re-

newing her coal supply. But the most remarkable feature will be the tremendous power of the armament. In the forward barbette, mounted on a turntable and manipulated by hydraulic power, the vessel will carry a 16-inch rifle, weighing 110 tons and 49 feet longone of the largest guns affoat. In the rear barbette there will be a 12-inch rifle. weighing 46% tons. A 15-inch dynamite gun 50 feet long will project from the bow and in other places the vessel will carry six 33-pounders, three 9-pounders, two 6pounders and four 2-pounders-all revolving cannon. Rapid firing guns, machine guns and electric search lights on a hollow steel military mast will complete the ship, which will take three and one-half years to build.

DESTRUCTION OF LEOLA. A Thriving Town Wiped Out By the Dakota Fires.

ABERDEEN, Dak., April 5 .- The terrific story of the complete destruction of Leola, the county seat of McPherson County, has been brought in by courier. Leola was a fine little town of 3,000 inhabitants, and the country for miles around was well settled with industrious and thrifty people. It is twenty-five miles from railroad and telegraph facilities, and it is difficult to get complete information. Out of thirty places of business, including two banks, two newspapers, two churches, three or four hotels and all lines of business, but four are left standing, and out of from thirty to forty residences less than a dozen remain. The loss is practically complete and will reach \$150,000. The insurance was very light. C. O. Old and Thomas Ardell are terribly burned and the couriers say they can not live. Parties who drove across the country to Westport, the nearest railroad station, say that the surrounding country is nearly devastated. LONDON, April 8 .- A dispatch from India Hundreds of farm houses are in ashes and carcasses of burned stock are lying along the road. The news continues to come in slowly and shows the details of a great disaster. It is probable that not one-tenth of the damage is yet reported. Editors Herried and Beach, of Leola, are in the city. They will publish their paper in Aberdeen at present. Nothing definite is known about rebuilding. Citizens here held a meeting in the afternoon to take measures for relief. Scores of farmers are without seed wheat, stock, buildings or implements to commence spring work.

Edwin Booth Improved. ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 5 .- The condition of Mr. Booth was much improved yesterday. He arose at 8:30 o'clock and was shortly thereafter visited by Dr. C. R. Sumner who found him able to speak quite plainly. Mr. Booth breakfasted in his room. Mr. Booth, accompanied by his valet, left on the 10:30 o'clock train for New York.

The Brooklyn All Right. Washington, April 5 .- No apprehension s felt at the Navy Department on account of the United States steamer Brooklyn, which a British steamer reported with a shaft was broken while on the China station, and the accident was reported to the easiest passage for a sailing vessel, instead | they were brought under control the enof by way of Cape of Good Hope, which | tire upper three stories were consumed. The Department heard from her from St. | china store of Irwin, Eaton & Co., No. 612. Thomas, long after she was spoken of by | and M. J. Freling's Excelsior trunk factthe British vessel. All hands were well ory, 606 and 608, the contents of both of and she is expected at New York in about | which were badly damaged by smoke and two weeks.

A Brave Woman. ALBANY, Mo., April 5 .- About 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening rapid pistol firing was heard in the direction of the jail and it was soon learned that two hole in the wall of the jail and in one minute more would have escaped had not Mrs. Jennings, the ninety-pound wife of Sheriff Jennings, heard the bricks falling and though alone at the time, her husband being up in the city on business, pluckily seized one of her husband's revolvers and opened fire on the hole. Friends ran to her assistance and the prisoners were locked in their cells. The best citizens have raised a nice sum, and the gallant lady will have a nice memento.

PROCLAMATION.

The Centennial of Washington's Inauguration Proclaimed a National Holiday. WASHINGTON, April 6.- The following proclamation was issued late yesterday afternoon by the President of the United

States of America: A Proclamation.—A hundred years have passed since the Government which our forefathers founded was formally organized. At noon on April 30, 1789, in the city of New York, and in the presence of an assemblage of the heroic men whose patriotic devotion had led the colonies to victory and independence, George Washington took the oath of office as Chief Magistrate of the new-born Republic. This impressive act was preceded at nine o'clock in the morning in all the churches of the city by prayer for God's blessing on the Republic and its first President.

The centennial of this illustrious event in our history has been declared a general holiday by act of Congress to the end that the people of the whole country may join in commen exercises appropriate to the day. In order that the joy of the occasion may be associated with a deep thankfulness in the minds of the people for all our blessings in the past and a devout supplication to God for their continuance in the future, the representatives of the religious creeds, both Christian and Hebrew, have me norialized the Government to designate an hour for prayer and thanksgiving on that day. Now, therefore, I. Benjamin Harrison, Presi-

dent of the United States of America, in response to this pious and reasonable request, do recommend that on Tuesday, April 30, at the hour of nine o'clock in the morning, the people of the entire country repair to their respective places of divine worship? to implore the favor of God that the blessing of liberty, prosperity and peace may abide with us as a people, and that His hand may lead us in the paths of righteousness and good deeds. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the sent of the United States

of America to be affixed. Done in the city of Washington this 4th day of April, A. D. 1889, and of the independence of the United States 113. By the President: BENJAMIN HARRISON.

JAMES G. BLAINE, Secretary of State. SMUGGLING CASE.

A Fine Art House Imports in a Peculiar Way. New York, April 6 .- Allard & Sons, a

large Paristan firm dealing in antiques, art furniture, rare tapestries and bric-abrac, have a branch establishment at 304 Fifth avenue. For seven years this house has engaged in the most bare-faced smug-For several years the agent for Allard & Sons here was a man named Blossaire.

Three years ago he was superseded by their present agent, Paul Roulez. Under Roulez's management Blossaire was steadily degraded until last February he was discharged. In revenge Blossaire some weeks ago imparted to Special Treasury Agent George H. Simmons information that led to an immediate investigation of the firm. Simmons soon found that smuggled goods had been purchased unsuspectedly from this firm by some of the wealthiest

bilt, H. McKay Twombiy and Orme Wilson; also by Robert Garrett, of Baltimore; William B. Borden, of Chicago, and many others. The scheme pursued by the firm was te consign to their New York house cabinet furniture in which were concealed underneath the marble tops and in the false paneling, costly portiere curtains and rich gobelin tapestries. Customs duties, of course, would be paid only on the furniture.

residents and most liberal art collectors in

this city, including William K. Vander-

In the Fifth avenue store the smuggled goods would be removed. Purchasers were invariably charged extravagant prices for the articles, with the duties out of which the Government had been swindled added thereto. Thus a double fraud was perpetrated. It is not suspected that any one of the purchasers had the remotest idea that the goods were

At seven o'clock Tuesday morning Simmons, with four other officers, went to Allards' store, made a raid on the stock and captured a large number of chairs with upholstered seats that were found stuffed with rich laces, tapestries, silks, bronzes, portieres and curtains. These chairs were a recent invoice and had not been unpacked. Yesterday Roulez made a full confession.

STATE OF TRADE. Dun's Weekly Review of the Country's Trade-Increase in Railroad Earnings But Trade Generally Rather Dull. NEW YORK, April 6 .- R. G. Dun & Co.

weekly review of trade says: Railroa earning show an increase of about 15 per cent. over last year for March, so far as reports have been received, and yet stocks are lower, though at later quotations partial recovery is seen. Trade at interior points is dull or quiet in nearly all cases, though at Cleveland it is fairly satisfactory; at Atlanta it is satisfactory with spring business well sustained; at Omaha it is considered good; at Kansas City improving. and at St. Paul trade in dry goods and clothing is very active. There is improvement at Detroit, particularly, and lumber is firmer.

Wool has declined for nearly all qualities except New Mexican and Texas. The average of 104 quotations is 34.8 cents. The outlook is favorable for a good demand when the new clip appears. Depressing influences are felt in the several branches of the dry goods and clothing trade, not the least being the accumulation of stocks which the even winter left unsold. Raw cotton is %c stronger. In the market more pressure to realize is seen here and at Philadelphia, and Southern iron is offered at 50c to \$1 below the coresponding Northern grades. Bar iron remains very dull, and rails have sold moderately without lifting of prices. The allotment for the year has been increased 200,600 tons. In the coal market no improvement appears. The sales of copper abroad at about £41 per ton, with no news of settlement between the syndicate and producers, causes stagnation here, and while lake is sold at 15%c for April, the quotation for g. m. b. July is only 10%c. Oil has been a shade higher, but pork is 50c lower.

Pressure to sell abroad and fear of nonetary troubles growing out of the Paris difficulty, have reduced the price of coffee Mc. The average price of all commodities has again declined over % of 1 per cent for the week

Destruction of Paints and Oils. KANSAS CITY. Mo., April 6 .- At 2:15 this morning Merchant Policeman Me-Nichols discovered fire in the rear of 810 Delaware street, occupied by John C. Mcbroken shaft sailing for New York. The Donald & Co., paints and oils. The alarm was sent in, but it was fully ten minutes before the first stream of water was Department and led to her being ordered | thrown, and in the meantime the flames home under sail by way of Cape Horn, the | had obtained such headway that before municated to the crockery a water. The loss will be about \$75,000.

Another Manifesto. BRUSSELS, April 6 .- General Boulanger has issued a fresh manifesto of defiance. In replying to the action of the Chamber of Deputies sanctioning his prosecution, noted and desperate burglars had drilled a he repudiates the charges made against him. In interviews he says he will not disclose the secret of his faction, but that an election will decide the question.

A Temperance Fight.
RIVER FALLS, Wis, April &-The temperance people and the saloonkeepers of this town have been at war for some time past. The matter culminated yesterday in the arrest of two ministers and four others on the charge of causing the wrongful imprisonment of a saloonkeeper.